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{ Students raise money, gather supplies for the less fortunate in Africa }



REACHING OUT TO THE THIRD WORLD

Story by Christie Kerner | Photos provided

University students and faculty are reaching out to those who need it most.

The nonprofit organization known as Project Learning Around the World provides school supplies and funding for children with AIDS in poverty-stricken schools in South Africa.

The restaurant Max and Erma's, located in Levis Commons, will donate 20 percent of any bill toward the program tomorrow. Restaurant-goers need to print a flier off bgviews.com to qualify for the donation.

Audrey Ellenwood, coordinator of the School Psychology Program, began working with the University of South Africa Psychology professor

FJA Sniders years ago.

"I began a collaborative adventure," Ellenwood said.

The Psychology graduate students and faculty from the University visited black township schools in South Africa and learned that more than 80 percent of the children had AIDS and were homeless.

In March 2006, students who traveled to South Africa decided to do something about it.

"Students in the school of Psychology program collected 400 pounds of supplies [that year],"

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Snowy weather not enough to cancel classes

Snow alone is not enough to close the University, severe cold, wind play a part

Jason Henry
Assistant City Editor

Students hoping the University would be closed yesterday morning were likely disappointed when classes were still in session.

According to the Severe Weather Closing Policy and Procedures, which can be found on the University's Web site, the University usually will not close for weather unless the Wood County Sheriff's Department declares a level three emergency.

A cancellation can also be determined by factors such as "hazardous road conditions; presence of ice, snow or both; amount of wind; presence of daylight; the weather forecast; severe cold; and consultation with the BGSU Police Department and the sheriff's office," the Web site states.

Some students may find it confusing when the city declares a snow emergency but the University stays open.

"A snow emergency, in terms of a snow street, is declared when we get to two inches of snow,"

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WHAT STUDENTS CAN EXPECT IF THE UNIVERSITY IS CLOSED:

- During a closure, only designated "essential employees" will be expected to work. Individuals who are unsure about their status are advised to contact their supervisor.

- If classes are canceled, the shuttles will not be running, said Fred Smith of Public Safety.

- Nonessential buildings will be closed.

- According to the Severe Weather Policy, the only services remaining open will be essential ones, such as "preparation and serving of meals to students, provision of lighting and heating to University buildings, law enforcement and public safety, and snow removal from parking areas and sidewalks."

- "Technically, probably everything should be closed. But we are trying to make sure the students' needs are met," said Dave Kielmeier, director of Marketing and Communications.

- Dining services in the Residence Halls will be open. Services such as the Student Recreation Center and Jerome Library will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

- Kielmeier urged students to sign up for AlertBG through the University Web site because subscribers will be notified first by text and email.

University professors investigate media outlets used by students

By Shaina Smith
Reporter

In an effort to save print journalism, professors from the Telecommunications department are conducting a study to monitor media usage.

"The general concern for media scholars is the future of

journalism," said Gi Woong Yun, assistant professor of communications. "The reality is people are getting their information from the Web, from Facebook and CNN.com instead of the Toledo Blade, New York Times or The Detroit News."

Communication professors are conducting a

study to find where college students gather their information and through which mediums.

Yun said the Netbook Study will require 10 volunteers who are given laptops with software that will monitor and record their

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Graphic Design class goes green

Two professors work together to make art environmentally friendly

By Angela Green
Reporter

For students and professors in the Sustainable Graphic Design class, the course is the perfect mix between talking design and talking about how to educate people about going green.

"We survey the students in the

class and many don't know what it means to be sustainable and want to learn more," said Jenn Stucker, one of the professors for the class. "There are people who know it really well and people who didn't know there's a code system for plastics. There's a nice big range."

The class is new this semester,

and Stucker said she shares the teaching responsibilities with another professor, Amy Fidler.

"A lot of other classes are individual," Stucker said. "Our primary objective is collaborative. We focus on things that are

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FORUM

Narcissists created by society

A ribbon does not always mean first place, too many programs culture the idea that everyone can be a winner, says columnist Mike Thureau | **Page 4**



SPORTS

Women's basketball on the road

After a comeback win at Ball State on Saturday, the BG women's basketball team travels to Mount Pleasant tonight to conclude cross-divisional play with Central Michigan | **Page 7**

Basketball game tonight

After losing on a last-second basket at WMU on Saturday, the BG men's basketball team returns home to take on Northern Illinois | **Page 7**

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What are you doing with your snow day?



MATTHEW HUFFMAN

Sophomore, Philosophy

"Catch up on work I've been putting off the last two months." | **Page 4**



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DESIGN

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community based."

Fidler and Stucker developed a project called Summer Workshop for Experimentation and Thought. They are using the SWEAT method, which deals with collaborative projects, to teach the class.

"It's kind of an ironic class," Fidler said. "Graphic design produces so much waste and things that are only used in short term. We have to learn to design practically. We can say a lot more with a lot less."

The class is divided into three groups and each completes a large-scale, semester-long project. There are also individual projects due throughout the semester, said Kevin Pence, a group leader for the class.

"My group is the Enlighten Project," Pence said. "We're working on doing installations throughout campus to educate students, including faculty, on what they can do to make better

consumption habits, like which companies are better and which products are greener."

For the Enlighten Project's first installation, group members and other students will carry trash bags with them and collect trash they would throw away for one week. At the end, they will weigh the trash and take photos to help people realize just how much they throw away. The group is also using several social networking sites to get its message out.

Another group is working on a video about sustainability and ethics, and the last is doing a survey of recycling and statistics projects.

While the class focuses on figuring out which products are greener and how to use them in work, it also focuses on critical thinking and solving problems.

"Jenn and Amy really hit on if your target market isn't responding, instead of sending a new brochure, go out and see what's not working or if they even need a brochure," Pence said. "Start at the very end and work your way

backward and figure out what's not working."

Other than simply debating if a student should print out a pretty poster or not, Fidler and Stucker want students to think about bigger issues.

"We want them taking on big problems and asking big questions and solving outside of themselves," Fidler said.

They also want students to realize that being individuals should not deter them from taking on issues as large as sustainability.

"We want them to be able to design in sustainable methods, and everyday actions reflect that process," Stucker said. "It's not just what you do at work, but at home or at the grocery store."

The class is not just for graphic design majors. There are architecture, VCT and environmental majors as well, Pence said.

"I hope even if we make a small impact, we'll be viral enough that it will spread," Pence said. "Big decisions happen small first."

For interested students, the graphic design class is ARTD 4950.

SNOW

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said Lori Tretter, assistant municipal administrator for the city.

Vehicles on designated snow streets must move during a snow emergency, and violators may be towed.

The city's snow emergency is different from the snow emergency levels (such as level one, two or three) that are issued by the county, Tretter said.

According to the Severe Weather Policy, a level three snow emergency is when all roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel.

"No one should be out during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary," the policy states.

Individuals traveling on the roads can even be arrested.

Wood County Sheriff Mark Wasylyshyn said roads would not be passable during a level three. If declared after commuters came to campus, a shelter would need to be provided, because they

"...if I didn't live on campus, I probably wouldn't have come to school."

Jessica Martin | Freshman

would not be able to drive home, he said.

Some students, such as freshman Jessica Martin, disagree with the University's policy. She said she thinks the University should close at a level two.

A level two snow advisory is when roads are considered hazardous and only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roadways, the policy states.

Martin said she thinks classes should have been canceled all day Tuesday because of commuters.

"They shouldn't have had to drive in this kind of weather," she said. "I know that if I didn't live on campus, I probably wouldn't have come to school."

AFRICA

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Ellenwood said.

The following year, the new program raised \$1,200 which they used to purchase schoolbooks for grades K-8 as well as to provide crayons, scissors, pencils, calculators, erasers and puzzles. The program also received a donation of 500 toothbrushes, dental floss and toothpaste to deliver.

In 2008, the program deliv-

ered educational and hygiene supplies to schools in the Knysna rural area and a women's abuse shelter.

Students involved realized how much they have as well as how similar they are to the kids in South Africa.

"They had never even seen a balloon," graduate student Stacey Frey said. "One of the things that really struck me was children are children wherever they are."

The visit to a place unlike their own was rewarding for everyone involved.

Intern and board member of the program Samantha DeWood helped deliver the supplies to South Africa twice. She said she would go back if she had the chance.

"I wish I had more time to put into the organization," she said.

DeWood said she remembers the most rewarding day was when her team spent time at an outdoor clinic.

"People in the community could come and talk and just have someone to listen," she said.

The program recently received

official nonprofit status and has even been contacted by organizations such as Twitter.

"It started and now it's starting to bud out," Ellenwood said.

Master students at the University in the Environmental Management course are also involved in different ways.

According to the United Nations Children's Fund Web site, fire-related burns in Africa cause 9.1 percent of child deaths.

"My students are researching alternatives to an open flame candle," Graduate Adviser

Shannon Orr said.

Students are broken up into a research team and a fundraising team in hopes to fund the alternatives found.

"I want to do something that's going to be effective," Master student in Public Administration Joe Fawcett said.

All donations go directly to the schools in South Africa and anyone can help.

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activity. The home page of every computer will be set to an online newspaper or a search engine. Participants will be able to keep the laptops for the three months and then will be required to give them back at the end of the study.

"The study is trying to figure out how much students read the online papers, how much time they spend on online news and how much they use social networks," said graduate student Xiaoqun Zhang.

"Young people don't like to read

the paper both online and offline," said Louisa Ha, chair of the department of telecommunications. "Online reading is a little better, but still not good ... people think they use a lot of online papers, but no."

To maintain student privacy, Yun said participants will be given consent forms to complete. He said everything participants need to know is outlined in the consent forms. Once they've been turned in, their names will be deleted from the records and they will only be identified by their identification numbers. None of the information can be linked to who students are.

Yun said the study will start sometime in May with summer participants and then again in the fall.

The basic question the researchers said they hope to answer with this study is how to make journalism survive and prosper.

"We need journalism to keep a healthy society ... you have to read the newspaper. It's public knowledge," Yun said.

In the future, Yun said he hopes this study can acquire more funding to not only conduct the study with college students but to expand it to the general public as well.

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SNOWY-DAY PHOTOS

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ABOVE: Brothers Michael and Zac Pahl take a break from plowing sidewalks downtown to make a quick phone call. Stopped behind Finders, the brothers said they had been out plowing for All Seasons since 9:30 a.m.

LEFT: Senior Ryan Evans shovels the sidewalk in front of his house on Ridge Street in order to avoid getting fined. "The city sucks. The snow plow put the snow back on the sidewalk," Evans said.

LOWER LEFT: Bowling Green resident Janet Nelson, 32, stays at her post outside Liberty Tax on Main Street despite the snow emergency declared by the city. Nelson, who has worked at Liberty Tax for three years, said she was finishing up her last hour outdoors. "You just have to keep moving. It's all you can do to keep warm," she said.

BOTTOM LEFT: Though many teachers canceled class before the official University closing at 5 p.m., some students were still required to trek through the snow to their



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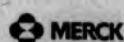
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PEOPLE ON THE STREET What are you doing with your snow day?



"I still have to work at the Union making smoothies."

BECCA KELLER,
Senior,
Spanish and Nursing



"Facebook and Twitter."

DERIC HUMPHREY,
Freshman,
Undecided



"I will just study and have a cookout."

SOLMAZ ABBAS ABADY,
Sophomore, Nursing



"Work out and watch a movie with my main squeeze."

RAY DOMINGUEZ,
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We are all guinea pigs in a social self-esteem experiment



MIKE THURAU
COLUMNIST

Have you ever received a ribbon or award just for participating? I sure have.

In the 1980s, educators and sociologists thought it would be a good idea to break down feelings of inadequacy in kids by doing away with competitive sports and tournaments and rewarding even the losers. Even at the age of 10 I was a little incredulous of what I later found out was called the "self-esteem movement."

The idea that everyone gets a reward just for showing up doesn't really pan out in the real world, but it does develop a set of unrealistic expectations when it comes to the world of work and relationships. While the self-esteem movement has largely lost its credibility, it was our generation who served as some of its many guinea pigs.

While this brief fad was founded with good intentions, I think most of us didn't buy it. Even if they didn't get singled out for being stronger, faster or smarter, we still knew who the winners were. They were the ones who beat everyone else.

The idea that children conditioned to have high self-esteem have been socially inoculated from deviant and destructive behaviors has existed since the 1960s, but lingered all the way to the late '90s. This means your elementary, or perhaps even your middle school, may very well have practiced the "everyone gets a ribbon" policy during spelling bees or other competitive events.

The practical application of this theory manifested itself in praise being heaped upon children and kids' shows which informed us "Everyone is special in his or her own way!" During

"If we are all really special, then we're all equally mundane as well. The self-esteem movement was created with the intention of protecting us from an awful truth... some people just suck."

these important formative years, children of an entire generation were constantly told they were a unique and remarkable snowflake and deserved special attention, and they would reach the happy, shiny destiny of their full, radiant potential just by continuing to behave themselves.

However, lurking just around the corner was the grouchy storm cloud of reality.

If someone is exceptional, there must be a lot of other people who are pretty ordinary. If you say it out loud it just seems obvious. This is not a justification for elitism by any means, but rather it is an invitation to come back down to earth. After all, does anyone have any proof the self-esteem movement has actually done any harm? Perhaps we'd all be much more depressed and unsure of ourselves if we hadn't spent our formative years being reassured of our special place in the universe.

We'll never really know how the self-esteem movement has affected the collective self-image of our generation, but we can at least try to find correlations between social experiments like the self-esteem movement and the unique characteristics of our generation. Also, the popularity of Web sites such as Twitter or MySpace can be viewed as our generation satisfying its need to build narcissistic shrines to ourselves.

Honestly, does your encounter with a rude barista at Starbucks really need to be recorded and preserved for posterity? I think not.

Narcissism can lead to unstable and unsatisfying relationships, and ultimately leads to loneliness and a paradoxically negative self-image. Maybe you've encountered a few narcissists yourself.

If we are all equally special, then we're all equally mundane as well. The self-esteem movement was created with the intention of protecting us from an awful truth that most of us come to realize anyway — some people just suck.

This forbidden knowledge can lead to unpleasant conclusions about our individuality and talent, but it is impossible to stop sucking unless you first realize how lame you are. One way or another, the grouchy storm cloud of reality is going to catch up with you.

This doesn't necessarily mean everyone sucks, or even that you suck. It also doesn't mean we must live in a dog-eat-dog world of backbiters and cutthroats. It does mean huge numbers of people in our generation and others have been raised to expect praise and deference and, as a result, lead rather self-centered lives.

Not only is narcissism harmful to those around you, but expecting a ribbon for just participating in the adult world is going to result in disappointment. That said, I think risk takers and dreamers will ultimately be rewarded if they sincerely try at achieving their goals.

But in the end, the final judge of what is a triple gold star achievement is you.

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DEAD END



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People's personal lives aren't important, but Facebook and MySpace remain popular

By Ashleigh Johnson, The Daily Titan (Cal State Fullerton)
The College News Network

It's a big year for Facebook. The popular social networking site turned six years old this year, and went under the knife for yet another face lift (or rather, Facebook-lift! Haha! I'm a shell of a person!).

According to a recent MSNBC article, the redesigned Facebook layout was designed to "streamline navigation and make games and apps stand out more."

In other news, guess which social networking Web site didn't get a makeover? That's right — MySpace.

Also, there's this little gem: "The Crips, Bloods, Florencia 13, MS-13 and other gangs have long used MySpace to display potentially incriminating photos and videos of people holding guns and making hand gestures. They also post messages about rivals."

The above quote comes from another MSNBC article about how the use of Facebook and Twitter has risen among gang members. However, "Gang use of Twitter and Facebook still lags behind use of the much-older MySpace, which remains gang members' online venue of choice."

Let's let that sink in. Now, I'll admit that I am a self-proclaimed Facebook addict — Add me! My self esteem is directly proportional to the amount of Facebook friends I have! But there was a time, a simpler, more innocent time, when I was hooked on MySpace because Facebook was, leik unkew! k? LOL!

For the purposes of this column, I decided to log into the sparkly-backgrounded horror for the first time in who-knows-how-long, brushing

"Here's some advice, free of charge. If you want to use a social networking site to organize criminal activities and don't want to get caught, use Friendster — no one goes there anymore."

off the dust on my abandoned MySpace blog before I finally put my account out of its misery.

After poking around MySpace for about five minutes, I reached a startling conclusion: I really don't give a crap about a majority of what goes on in people's personal lives.

And that's what, in my own opinion anyway, attracts people to the site (and, for that matter, Twitter — and before you Twitter users form an angry mob to go key my car, allow me to just say that I have a Twitter account as well, and I am aware that some people use Twitter for reasons outside of announcing their latest deposit to ye olde porcelain throne) instead of Facebook in the first place: they're attention whores.

Granted, I know plenty of people who abuse the status feature on Facebook as well, sending updates to all their friends whenever they've so much as eaten a sandwich or successfully managed to not get lost in the corner of a room. But there's something about Facebook that just seems more mature than its peers.

Put down this column for a moment and look at someone's MySpace profile. Almost anyone will do.

OK, did you do it? Good. Now, compare what you just saw to the stereotypical image of a gangster. You know, the

image that's constantly being crammed down our throats by the media.

Commence laughing now.

Look, I'm not a business person, but I do know that it's hard to take anyone seriously after seeing that their online presence consists of a Hello Kitty background and a YouTube animated music video of characters from Dragonball Z fighting to the tune of a Linkin Park song (I will not be judged!). You can't menace much of anyone with a lengthy blog post about how OMG random you are.

C'mon, gang members. Is this what you want to be associated with? The antics of 15-year-old girls? It's not as if Myspace is an exclusive Web site that only a select few people know about.

Here's some advice, free of charge. If you want to use a social networking site to organize criminal activities and don't want to get caught, use Friendster — no one goes on there anymore.

Question: Does Friendster even still exist? I would check but, you know, it's Friendster.

And now, I'm off to cancel my MySpace account "because a couple of guys who were up to no good started making trouble in my neighborhood. I got in one little fight and my mom got scared and said 'you're moving in with your auntie and uncle in Bel-Air.'"

You're welcome.

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Inventories cut 0.8 percent in December

WASHINGTON - Businesses slashed wholesale inventories sharply in December, a much weaker showing than expected and a troubling sign that companies are still too pessimistic about the economy to begin restocking shelves on a sustained basis.

Economists believe the country won't be in a sustained recovery until businesses begin restocking their depleted shelves, which will mean higher orders to factories and increased demand for manufacturing workers.

The Commerce Department said yesterday that wholesale inventories were reduced 0.8 percent in December. Economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters had expected inventories to rise by 0.5 percent during the month.

The government said sales at the wholesale level did rise in December, increasing 0.8 percent.

- Martin Crutsinger (AP)

First lady: President Barack Obama had 'phenomenal year'

WASHINGTON (AP) - First Lady Michelle Obama says President Barack Obama "has done a phenomenal job," but that people have a right to criticize him.

In an interview broadcast Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America," she said getting things accomplished in heavily politicized Washington is "a constant struggle."

She said her husband has been staying on course, "looking his critics in the eye." The first lady added that he understands people are still suffering amid high unemployment.

She also said, "Every day our president wakes up serious and focused and committed to pushing this stuff through. We had hoped that more progress would have been made."

Mrs. Obama said the president remains open to "the possibility of partnership" with his political foes.

Newborn 'heel prick' causes ethics debate

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Spanish and Nursing



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DERIC HUMPHREY,
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Undecided



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SOLMAZ ABBAS
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Nursing



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MIKE THURAU
COLUMNIST

Have you ever received a ribbon or award just for participating? I sure have.

In the 1980s, educators and sociologists thought it would be a good idea to break down feelings of inadequacy in kids by doing away with competitive sports and tournaments and rewarding even the losers. Even at the age of 10 I was a little incredulous of what I later found out was called the "self-esteem movement."

The idea that everyone gets a reward just for showing up doesn't really pan out in the real world, but it does develop a set of unrealistic expectations when it comes to the world of work and relationships. While the self-esteem movement has largely lost its credibility, it was our generation who served as some of its many guinea pigs.

While this brief fad was founded with good intentions, I think most of us didn't buy it. Even if they didn't get singled out for being stronger, faster or smarter, we still knew who the winners were. They were the ones who beat everyone else.

The idea that children conditioned to have high self-esteem have been socially inoculated from deviant and destructive behaviors has existed since the 1960s, but lingered all the way to the late '90s. This means your elementary, or perhaps even your middle school, may very well have practiced the "everyone gets a ribbon" policy during spelling bees or other competitive events.

The practical application of this theory manifested itself in praise being heaped upon children and kids' shows which informed us "Everyone is special in his or her own way!" During

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these important formative years, children of an entire generation were constantly told they were a unique and remarkable snowflake and deserved special attention, and they would reach the happy, shiny destiny of their full, radiant potential just by continuing to behave themselves.

However, lurking just around the corner was the grouchy storm cloud of reality.

If someone is exceptional, there must be a lot of other people who are pretty ordinary. If you say it out loud it just seems obvious. This is not a justification for elitism by any means, but rather it is an invitation to come back down to earth. After all, does anyone have any proof the self-esteem movement has actually done any harm? Perhaps we'd all be much more depressed and unsure of ourselves if we hadn't spent our formative years being reassured of our special place in the universe.

We'll never really know how the self-esteem movement has affected the collective self-image of our generation, but we can at least try to find correlations between social experiments like the self-esteem movement and the unique characteristics of our generation. Also, the popularity of Web sites such as Twitter or MySpace can be viewed as our generation satisfying its need to build narcissistic shrines to ourselves.

Honestly, does your encounter with a rude barista at Starbucks really need to be recorded and preserved for posterity? I think not.

Narcissism can lead to unstable and unsatisfying relationships, and ultimately leads to loneliness and a paradoxically negative self-image. Maybe you've encountered a few narcissists yourself.

If we are all equally special, then we're all equally mundane as well. The self-esteem movement was created with the intention of protecting us from an awful truth that most of us come to realize anyway — some people just suck.

This forbidden knowledge can lead to unpleasant conclusions about our individuality and talent, but it is impossible to stop sucking unless you first realize how lame you are. One way or another, the grouchy storm cloud of reality is going to catch up with you.

This doesn't necessarily mean everyone sucks, or even that you suck. It also doesn't mean we must live in a dog-eat-dog world of backbiters and cutthroats. It does mean huge numbers of people in our generation and others have been raised to expect praise and deference and, as a result, lead rather self-centered lives.

Not only is narcissism harmful to those around you, but expecting a ribbon for just participating in the adult world is going to result in disappointment. That said, I think risk takers and dreamers will ultimately be rewarded if they sincerely try at achieving their goals.

But in the end, the final judge of what is a triple gold star achievement is you.

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People's personal lives aren't important, but Facebook and MySpace remain popular

By Ashleigh Johnson, The Daily Titan (Cal State Fullerton)
The College News Network

It's a big year for Facebook. The popular social networking site turned six years old this year, and went under the knife for yet another face lift (or rather, Facebook-lift! Haha! I'm a shell of a person!).

According to a recent MSNBC article, the redesigned Facebook layout was designed to "streamline navigation and make games and apps stand out more."

In other news, guess which social networking Web site didn't get a makeover? That's right—MySpace.

Also, there's this little gem: "The Crips, Bloods, Florencia 13, MS-13 and other gangs have long used MySpace to display potentially incriminating photos and videos of people holding guns and making hand gestures. They also post messages about rivals."

The above quote comes from another MSNBC article about how the use of Facebook and Twitter has risen among gang members. However, "Gang use of Twitter and Facebook still lags behind use of the much-older MySpace, which remains gang members' online venue of choice."

Let's let that sink in. Now, I'll admit that I am a self-proclaimed Facebook addict — Add me! My self esteem is directly proportional to the amount of Facebook friends I have! But there was a time, a simpler, more innocent time, when I was hooked on MySpace because Facebook was, leik unkew! k? LOL!

For the purposes of this column, I decided to log into the sparkly-backgrounded horror for the first time in who-knows-how-long, brushing

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off the dust on my abandoned MySpace blog before I finally put my account out of its misery.

After poking around MySpace for about five minutes, I reached a startling conclusion: I really don't give a crap about a majority of what goes on in people's personal lives.

And that's what, in my own opinion anyway, attracts people to the site (and, for that matter, Twitter — and before you Twitter users form an angry mob to go key my car, allow me to just say that I have a Twitter account as well, and I am aware that some people use Twitter for reasons outside of announcing their latest deposit to ye olde porcelain throne) instead of Facebook in the first place: they're attention whores.

Granted, I know plenty of people who abuse the status feature on Facebook as well, sending updates to all their friends whenever they've so much as eaten a sandwich or successfully managed to not get lost in the corner of a room. But there's something about Facebook that just seems more mature than its peers.

Put down this column for a moment and look at someone's MySpace profile. Almost anyone will do.

OK, did you do it? Good. Now, compare what you just saw to the stereotypical image of a gangster. You know, the

image that's constantly being crammed down our throats by the media.

Commence laughing now.

Look, I'm not a business person, but I do know that it's hard to take anyone seriously after seeing that their online presence consists of a Hello Kitty background and a YouTube animated music video of characters from Dragonball Z fighting to the tune of a Linkin Park song (I will not be judged!). You can't menace much of anyone with a lengthy blog post about how OMG random you are.

C'mon, gang members. Is this what you want to be associated with? The antics of 15-year-old girls? It's not as if Myspace is an exclusive Web site that only a select few people know about.

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Question: Does Friendster even still exist? I would check but, you know, it's Friendster.

And now, I'm off to cancel my MySpace account "because a couple of guys who were up to no good started making trouble in my neighborhood. I got in one little fight and my mom got scared and said 'you're moving in with your auntie and uncle in Bel-Air.'"

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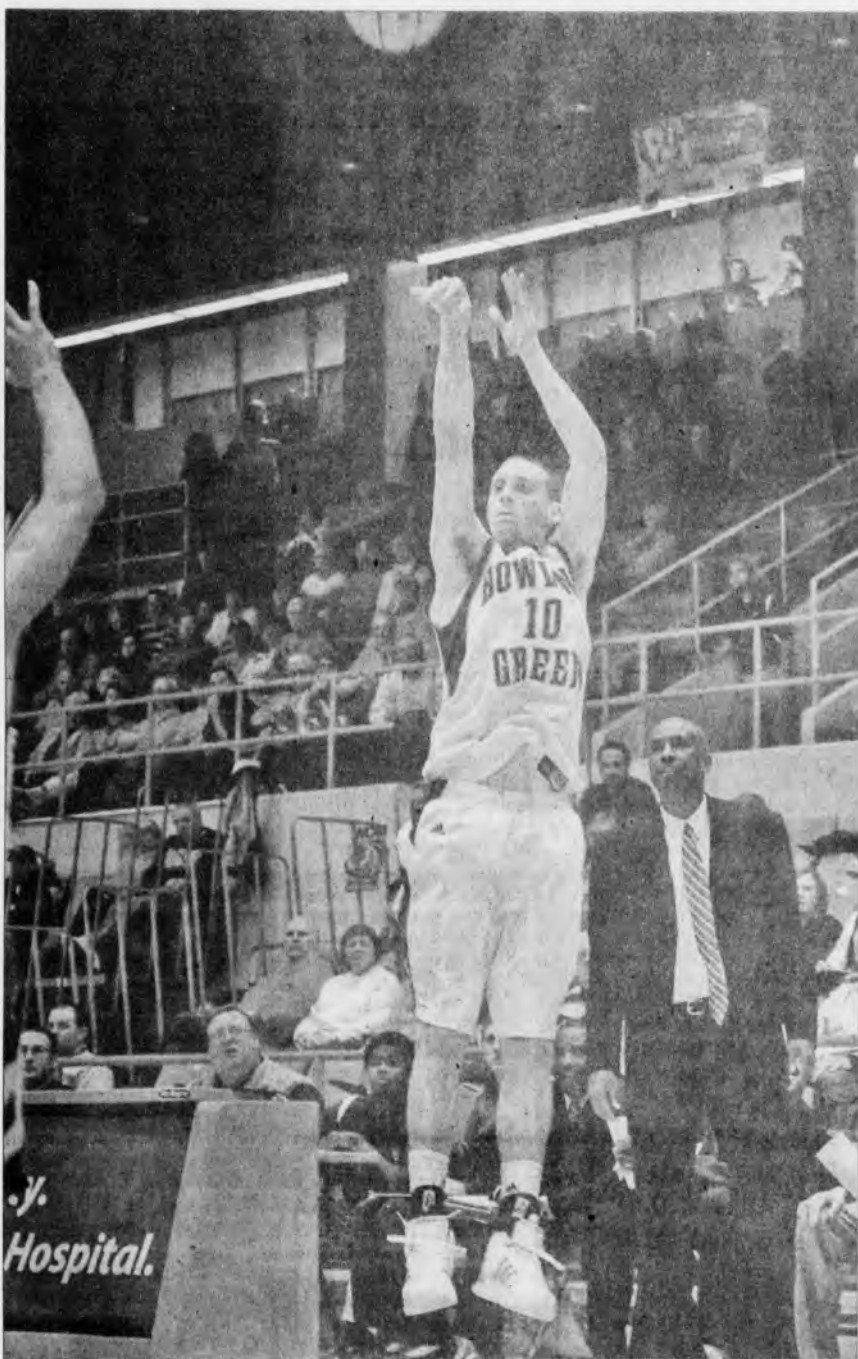
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IT'S GOOD: Scott Thomas puts up a 3-pointer in a game earlier this season as BG coach Louis Orr looks on.

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Men's basketball to battle Northern Illinois for sole possession of eighth spot in the MAC

By Sean Shapiro
Sports Editor

After two straight losses on the road, the BG men's basketball team returns to Anderson Arena for a stretch run to close out their regular season.

Of the Falcons' final seven games, five come at home, with all but one in Mid-American Conference play. The lone non-conference contest is the Feb. 20 ESPN Bracket Buster game when the BG men host Valparaiso.

The Falcons host Northern Illinois tonight in a match-up of two teams struggling to put together a winning streak. Both teams are 4-6 in MAC play.

The Falcons suffered losses at Ball State and Western Michigan last week. The Falcons lost to the Broncos on a steal-and-lay-up by perennial MAC Player of the Year contender David Kool.

"Closing games are important, we talk about playing 40 minutes," BG coach Louis Orr said. "We fought back to get back in the game, and Western was unique because I felt we played well offensively."

Northern Illinois is in the midst of a six-game losing streak, despite starting MAC play with a 4-0 record before the losing streak.

One player who has played well during the stretch for the Huskies is Xavier Silas. He leads his team, averaging 19.5 points per game.

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"It's a marathon, not a sprint, and we want to win the marathon," Orr said. "That's why every game is the biggest game of the year."

Women's basketball battles Chippewas in Mt. Pleasant

By Paul Barney
Assistant Sports Editor

After a comeback 80-76 win at Ball State on Saturday, the BG women's basketball team will look to carry some of that momentum to Mount Pleasant tonight, where the Falcons will take on Central Michigan at 7 p.m. to conclude cross-divisional play.

BG (19-5, 9-1 Mid-American Conference) has dominated the overall series against the Chippewas (8-14, 5-5 MAC), holding a 42-12 advantage, and winning the last nine meetings.

The Falcons cruised to a 94-79 win at home last season against CMU, led by Lauren Prochaska, who finished with a school-record 43 points.

Both teams met again in the quarterfinals of the MAC

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The Falcons are 17-6 all-time in road games against the Chippewas, winning the last three at the Rose Center.

If history is any indication of BG's success in the state of Michigan, the Falcons are in a good position to win their fourth straight game at the Rose Center.

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Vanderbilt in the first and second rounds of the 2007 NCAA tournament in East Lansing.

The last time the Falcons won in Mount Pleasant was Feb. 13, 2008, which was one of the closer games between both teams, as BG won 87-82.

Despite the Chippewas' sub-par record this season, they own a 6-2 record at home, including a 4-0 mark in MAC play.

Junior guard Shonda Long leads CMU in scoring, averaging 14.6 points per game. Long also leads the team in three-point field goals, having made 52 on the season so far.

Her teammate, senior guard Britni Houghton, is averaging 13.4 points and 5.5 rebounds per game, while leading the Chippewas in assists (2.9 apg).



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DRIVE: Lauren Prochaska drives to the lane in a game at Ohio State earlier this season.

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Hospitals test new, more modest gown for patients

LONDON (AP) — The British government is getting behind a plan to replace drafty open-backed hospital gowns with versions that preserve patients' modesty.

The country's Design Council has asked designers and manufacturers to come up with replacements for the gowns, which it said often leave patients feeling exposed.

U.S.-born designer Ben de Lisi, who has made dresses for stars including Kate Winslet, is creating one model. He told the BBC his design, made from luxury cotton, was "fabulous and aspirational."

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Falcons battle Wolverines:

Due to an early press time, The BG News wasn't able to provide full coverage of the hockey game. In-depth coverage of the game will be in tomorrow's paper and online at www.bgnewssports.com



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GYMNASTICS

Wishart named Athlete of the Week

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Today in

Sports History

1992—Bonnie Blair wins the first gold medal for the U.S. in the 1992 Olympics.

1920—Baseball outlaws all pitches involving tampering with the ball.

The List

With both the men's and women's basketball teams in action tonight, as well as the hockey team, we list the top three players to look for in each contest.

1. Eno: Goalie Nick Eno saved 28 of 30 shots last Thursday against Michigan.

2. Prochaska: Lauren Prochaska is coming off a 26-point effort at Ball State on Saturday.

3. Thomas: Scott Thomas is averaging 11.9 points per game this season.

Falcons host Huskies

Men's basketball to battle Northern Illinois for sole possession of eighth spot in the MAC

By Sean Shapiro
Sports Editor

After two straight losses on the road, the BG men's basketball team returns to Anderson Arena for a stretch run to close out their regular season.

Of the Falcons final seven games, five come at home, with all but one in Mid-American Conference play. The lone non-conference contest is the Feb. 20 ESPN Bracket Buster game when the BG men host Valparaiso.

The Falcons host Northern Illinois tonight in a match-up of two teams struggling to put together a winning streak. Both teams are 4-6 in MAC play.

The Falcons suffered losses at Ball State and Western Michigan last week. The Falcons lost to the Broncos on a steal-and-lay-up by perennial MAC Player of the Year contender David Kool.

"Closing games are important, we talk about playing 40 minutes," BG coach Louis Orr said. "We fought back to get back in the game, and Western was unique because I felt we played well offensively."

Northern Illinois is in the midst of a six-game losing streak, despite starting MAC play with a 4-0 record before the losing streak.

One player who has played well during the stretch for the Huskies is Xavier Silas. He leads his team, averaging 19.5 points per game.

BG's scoring leaders are Scott Thomas and Dee Brown, who are averaging 11.9 and 10.7 points per game, respectively.

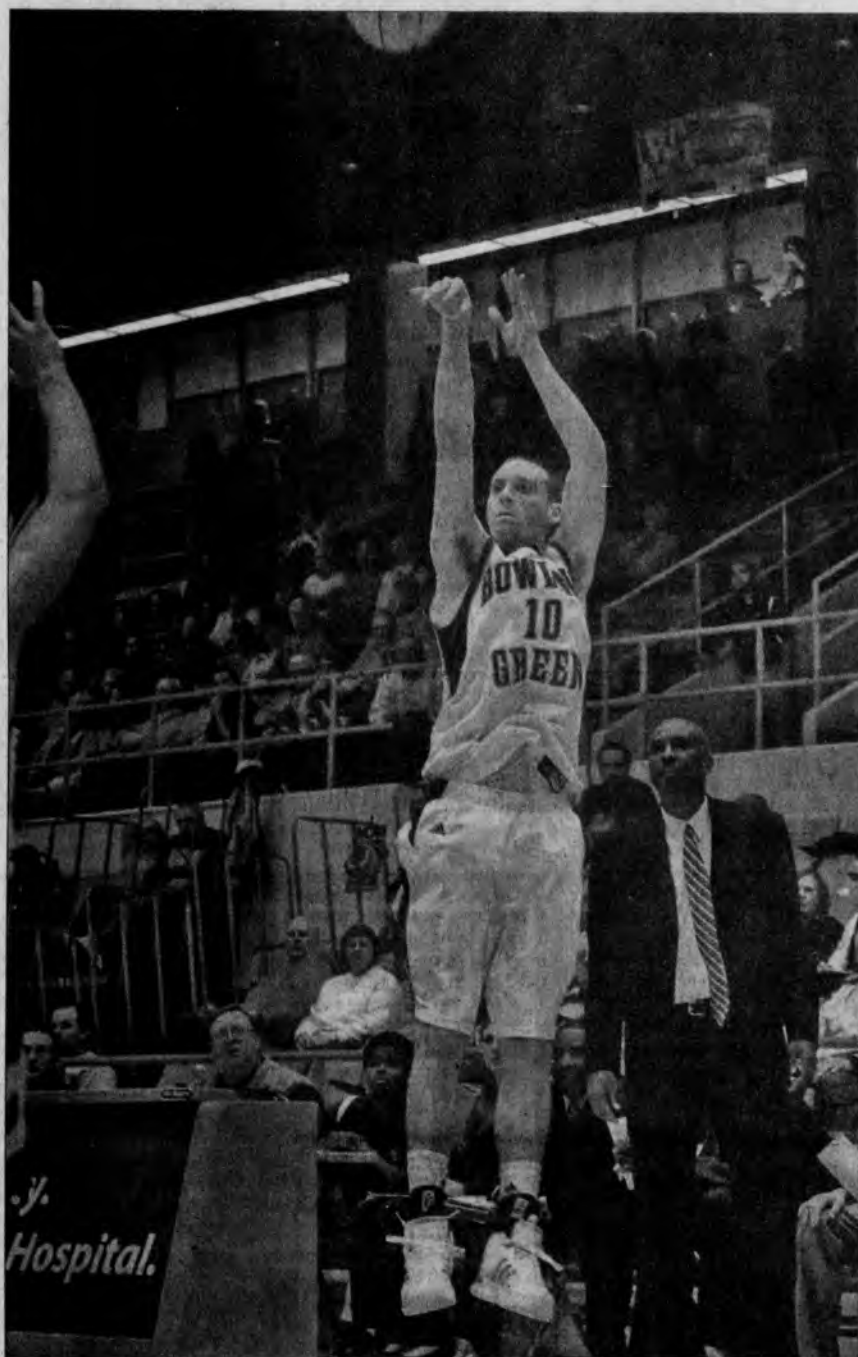
"He [Thomas] plays with courage, he puts his neck on the line and isn't afraid to make the big shots. Dee Brown is another guy who's played well and isn't afraid to put his neck out there and take those types of shots."

Louis Orr | BG coach

"He [Thomas] plays with courage, he puts his neck on the line and isn't afraid to make the big shots," Orr said. "Dee Brown is another guy who's played well and isn't afraid to put his neck out there and take those types of shots."

Whichever team wins will have an inside track at hosting a first-round MAC tournament game. Seeds No. 5 through No. 8 will host a first round game at their campus site. BG and Northern Illinois are currently tied for the No. 8 seed.

"It's a marathon, not a sprint, and we want to win the marathon," Orr said. "That's why every game is the biggest game of the year."



RYAN PIROG | THE BG NEWS

IT'S GOOD: Scott Thomas puts up a 3-pointer in a game earlier this season as BG coach Louis Orr looks on.

Women's basketball battles Chippewas in Mt. Pleasant

By Paul Barney
Assistant Sports Editor

After a comeback 80-76 win at Ball State on Saturday, the BG women's basketball team will look to carry some of that momentum to Mount Pleasant tonight, where the Falcons will take on Central Michigan at 7 p.m. to conclude cross-divisional play.

BG (19-5, 9-1 Mid-American Conference) has dominated the overall series against the Chippewas (8-14, 5-5 MAC), holding a 42-12 advantage, and winning the last nine meetings.

The Falcons cruised to a 94-79 win at home last season against CMU, led by Lauren Prochaska, who finished with a school-record 43 points.

Both teams met again in the quarterfinals of the MAC

Tournament, and again, BG easily won, 82-65.

The Falcons are 17-6 all-time in road games against the Chippewas, winning the last three at the Rose Center.

If history is any indication of BG's success in the state of Michigan, the Falcons are in a good position to win their fourth straight game at the Rose Center.

BG has won four consecutive games in Michigan, and the team has won 13 of the last 14 matchups.

Since the start of the 2005-06 season, the Falcons have compiled three road wins against Detroit, and two wins apiece against Oakland, Eastern Michigan, Western Michigan and CMU.

The Falcons also earned victories against Oklahoma State and

Vanderbilt in the first and second rounds of the 2007 NCAA tournament in East Lansing.

The last time the Falcons won in Mount Pleasant was Feb. 13, 2008, which was one of the closer games between both teams, as BG won 87-82.

Despite the Chippewas' sub-par record this season, they own a 6-2 record at home, including a 4-0 mark in MAC play.

Junior guard Shonda Long leads CMU in scoring, averaging 14.6 points per game. Long also leads the team in three-point field goals, having made 52 on the season so far.

Her teammate, senior guard Britni Houghton, is averaging 13.4 points and 5.5 rebounds per game, while leading the Chippewas in assists (2.9 apg).



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DRIVE: Lauren Prochaska drives to the lane in a game at Ohio State earlier this season.

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Blue Jackets to open 2010-11 season in Sweden

By Rusty Miller
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — The Columbus Blue Jackets will open their 10th season with a pair of games against the San Jose Sharks in Stockholm on Oct. 8-9, playing outside of North America for the first time.

The Blue Jackets and Sharks will join the Boston Bruins, Carolina Hurricanes, Minnesota Wild and Phoenix Coyotes in opening their 2010-11 seasons in Europe.

"We are extremely pleased that six teams — more than ever — will open their season in Europe," NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said in a statement. "With these games, nearly half of our clubs will have participated (in overseas openers) — a testament to how excited our teams are to be playing before our outstanding fans in Europe."

It's the fourth year in a row that the NHL will begin the regular season with games played overseas.

The Hurricanes and Wild will meet in Helsinki on Oct. 7-8, while the Bruins and Coyotes will play in Prague on Oct. 9-10.

The current Blue Jackets roster includes four players from Sweden: forwards Fredrik Modin

"Having the chance to play these games is going to be special, especially for me and the other Swedish players"

Samuel Pahlsson | Blue Jacket forward

(Sundsvall), Samuel Pahlsson (Ange) and Kristian Huselius (Osterhaninge) and defenseman Anton Stralman (Tibro).

Modin and Pahlsson will represent defending Olympic gold medal-winning Sweden at the upcoming 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver.

"Having the chance to play these games is going to be special, especially for me and the other Swedish players," Pahlsson said. "It is really going to be great for fans in Sweden to be able to watch the NHL in person. They love hockey and games there are always pretty festive with a lot of singing and cheers. It is kind of like soccer a little bit. I'm looking forward to it and it should be a lot of fun."

The NHL is extremely popular in Finland, Sweden and the Czech Republic. The league's Web site gets more traffic from those countries than almost anywhere else in

the world.

The Detroit Red Wings, St. Louis Blues, Chicago Blackhawks and Florida Panthers opened the 2009-2010 NHL regular season in Europe.

The Blackhawks and Panthers played home-and-home games in Helsinki and the Red Wings and Blues squared off in a home-and-home series in Stockholm.

The NHL opened the 2008-09 regular season in Europe in front of capacity crowds when the New York Rangers and Tampa Bay Lightning played two games in Prague and the Pittsburgh Penguins and Ottawa Senators squared off in a two-game set in Stockholm.

The Anaheim Ducks and Los Angeles Kings opened the 2007-08 NHL regular season in front of two sellout crowds at O2 Arena in London.

COURT LEADER:

Tracy Pontius runs the ball up-court in a game against Ohio State earlier this season. Through 24 games, Pontius is averaging 12.5 points and 3.2 assists per game.

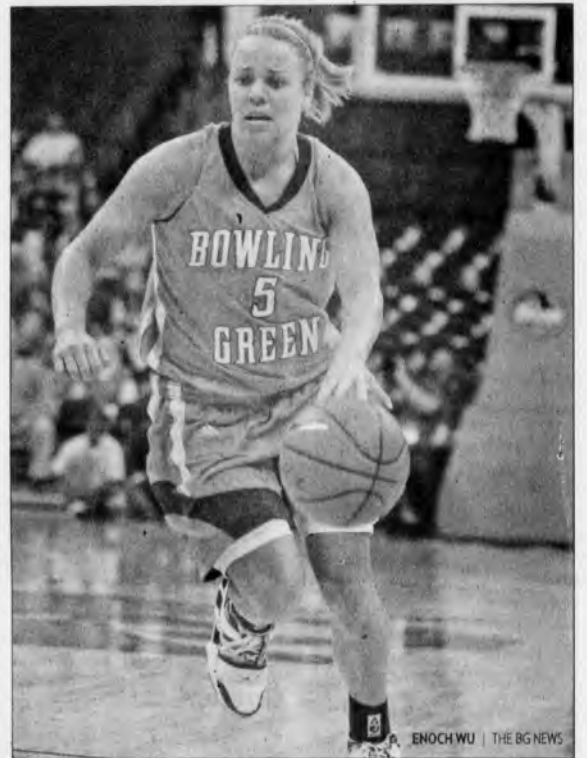
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As with the Falcons, CMU has a lot of depth in terms of point production.

Kaihla Szunko, a forward for the Chippewas, is posting 11.6 points and 9.4 rebounds per game. She leads CMU in rebounding, as well as field-goal percentage (.534) and steals (2.7 spg).

Not to be undone, the Falcons have five players averaging 6.5 points per game or more, with Prochaska and Tracy Pontius leading the way with 18.3 and 12.5 points per game, respectively.



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ATF blames Texas church fires on serial arsonist

TYLER, Texas — Recent fires that destroyed or damaged several churches in eastern Texas were likely set by one person or group of people, federal authorities said yesterday.

Fires that broke out at two churches near Tyler on Monday have not yet been ruled arson, but authorities are investigating them as such. They were reported within an hour of one another and there were signs that at least one of the churches had been broken into.

Since Jan. 1, eight churches — seven in eastern Texas and one in the central part of the state — have been set ablaze deliberately, authorities have said.

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which is heading the investigation into the blazes, believes they are the work of a serial arsonist or group of arsonists, said Clay Alexander, the head of the bureau's office in Tyler.

Alexander offered few details about Monday's blazes, but he said they were being investigated as arsons.

— Schuyler Dixon (AP)

11 arrested in Calif. during Israeli ambassador's talk

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Eleven students have been arrested during a raucous lecture at University of California, Irvine, where Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren spoke about U.S.-Israel relations.

Oren's speech to about 500 people was interrupted by shouting and protests multiple times Monday night.

UC Irvine spokesman Tom Vasich said nine Irvine students and two students from UC Riverside were arrested for disturbing a public event. All were cited and released.

The Orange County Register reports that at one point, Oren stopped, asked for hospitality and resumed his speech, but the shouts continued.

Political science professor Mark Petracca said he was embarrassed by the outbursts.

Earlier, the UCI Muslim Student Union issued an e-mail condemning Oren's appearance on campus. It was not clear if the arrested students were members of the group.

N.H. panel recommends against gay marriage repeal

CONCORD, N.H. — A New Hampshire House committee is recommending against repealing the state's five-week-old gay marriage law.

The Judiciary Committee also voted yesterday to recommend that the House kill a proposed constitutional amendment that defines marriage as between one man and one woman. The vote was 12-8 on both measures, led by Democratic opposition.

Opponents of gay marriage know their chance of success on such measures is slim, but they want to keep the issue before voters in hopes that Republicans will regain control of the Statehouse in November and then ban gay marriage.

The House could act on the recommendations next week.

New Hampshire became the fifth state to legalize gay marriage Jan. 1. It is also legal in Massachusetts, Iowa, Connecticut and Vermont.

— Norma Love (AP)

Brother now says Ohio doc admitted to poisoning wife

CLEVELAND (AP) — A family member who testified earlier that an Ohio doctor denied poisoning his wife now said the defendant admitted to the killing.

Firas Essa returned to the witness stand Monday in Cleveland and said his brother, Yazeed Essa, told him that he'd replaced his wife's calcium supplement tablets with cyanide.

Firas Essa said he decided to change his testimony to avoid the risk of perjury and obstruction charges and potential prison time. He said his brother's admission came in a 2006 conversation the two had in Cyprus, where Yazeed Essa was detained after fleeing the United States following his wife's death in 2005.

Yazeed Essa has pleaded not guilty to killing his wife, Rosemarie. His brother says he has recently been urging the defendant to plead guilty.

Cops search San Antonio landfill for missing baby

SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio's police chief said officers are searching a landfill for evidence in the disappearance of an 8-month-old boy.

Chief William McManus said yesterday that authorities "remain hopeful that Baby Gabriel is alive."

Gabriel Johnson was last seen with his 23-year-old mother, Elizabeth Johnson, in San Antonio on Dec. 26. The Arizona woman was arrested Dec. 30 in Florida and charged with kidnapping, child abuse and custodial interference.

Police turned to the landfill after the mother allegedly sent a text message to the father that their baby was dead. She later recanted.

McManus said police are excavating a section of the landfill believed to contain trash from a motel where Johnson was last seen with her baby.

McManus said Saturday the case was being treated as a homicide.

— Michelle Roberts (AP)

N.Y. Democrats offer Gov. Paterson little support

ALBANY, N.Y. — Gov. David Paterson is getting little support from Albany's other top Democrats as he fights what he calls attacks on his character.

Attorney General Andrew Cuomo is refusing to comment yesterday on reports in blogs and news accounts of womanizing and drug use by the governor. Cuomo's office also won't comment on whether he supports Paterson.

Many Democrats have voiced wishes that Cuomo run for governor instead of Paterson, who took the post upon the resignation of Eliot Spitzer.

Republican candidate Rick Lazio says the rumors create a toxic atmosphere that block legislative action. He said no public official should face such unconfirmed personal attacks.

Paterson referred to the attacks Monday in an Associated Press interview as false, callous and sleazy.

— Mike Gormley (AP)

LAPD: Anti-gang worker killed by graffiti suspect

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police said a well-known former gangster who has counseled against violence was killed when he confronted a graffiti-writer in Los Angeles.

Police say Ronald "Looney" Barron left a bar and noticed a tagger defacing a wall Sunday night. Police say when confronted, the tagger pulled out a gun and shot the 40-year-old Barron multiple times. He was pronounced dead at a hospital. No arrests have been made.

A former member of the Mansfield Crips, Barron worked the past decade for Ameri-Can, which runs a gang intervention program in which former gangsters counsel youth to avoid crime and violence.

Barron's killing is the latest in which taggers have fatally shot passersby who confronted them about graffiti writing.

Newark airport breach suspect pleads not guilty

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A Rutgers University graduate student accused of triggering worldwide flight delays has pleaded not guilty to charges stemming from a security breach at Newark Liberty International Airport.

A lawyer for Haisong Jiang (hy-SOHN' jee-ONG') entered the innocent plea to the defiant trespassing charge in Municipal Court in Newark yesterday. The misdemeanor charge carries a fine of up to \$500.

Jiang appeared in a dark suit and sneakers. His lawyer sought a delay to review surveillance video.

Authorities say Jiang entered a restricted area at the airport Jan. 3 to see off his girlfriend. The breach shut down a busy terminal and snarled flights worldwide.

Jiang was arrested Jan. 8.

Pilot: 'Everything went red' after planes collided

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A glider pilot who flew to safety through a fireball from the midair collision of two planes over Boulder said it was just seconds between when he saw one plane approaching and when it collided with the plane towing him.

Reuben Bakker tells NBC's "Today" show Tuesday that he "didn't see the wreckage anymore because it was gone, because everything was red."

Bakker managed to disconnect the glider just before the planes collided near Boulder Municipal Airport on Saturday. Three people on the two planes that collided were killed. Federal aviation investigators were piecing together the planes Tuesday and plan to do a 3-D reconstruction.

Suspect in the death of a Md. girl indicted for murder

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A registered sex offender has been indicted on murder charges in the death of an 11-year-old Maryland girl whose body was found on Christmas day.

Wicomico County Sheriff Mike Lewis said Tuesday that 30-year-old Thomas Leggs Jr. has been charged with first-degree murder in the killing of Sarah Foxwell, whose body was found in a wooded area.

Lewis also said prosecutors are seeking the death penalty against Leggs.

Leggs was initially charged with kidnapping and burglary after the girl was abducted from her home on the night of Dec. 22.

The sheriff said the delay in bringing murder charges was because investigators were compelled to be "methodical and deliberate in everything we did" to bring the strongest possible case.

— Brian Witte (AP)

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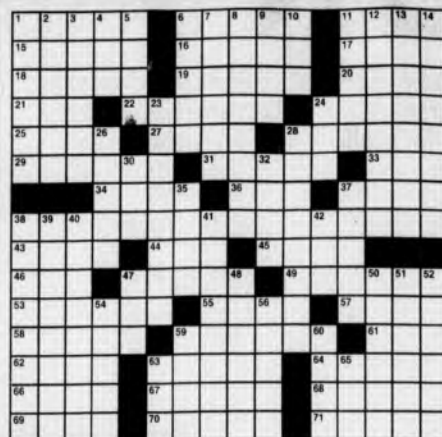
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- 1 Shoe co. founded in Venice Beach
2 French card game similar to whist
3 Casey's turns
4 Ipanema's city
5 Do a number
6 College choice
7 Undid
8 Adequate, and then some
9 CD... computer inserts
10 "You... what you eat"
11 Blue book entry
12 Object of loathing
13 Mahdi, in Islam
14 Close one
23 Frequent Pro Bowl site
24 Sitter's offer to a tot
26 Garbage haulers
28 Casey's team
30 Org. for 25-Across
32 Bearded butter
35 Nevada city on I-80
37 Health Net rival
38 Like some football jerseys
39 Iron ore
40 Dorian Gray's flaw
41 Like exes
42 Bambi relative
47... Paradise, "On the Road" narrator
48 Parimutuel bet
50 Mishandling
51 Shrugged's comment
52 Show up
54 Respected one
56 Arab potatote
59 Tightening target
60 Jazz sessions
63 "Today" rival, briefly
65 Haul

ACROSS

- 1 Poet Edward and a king
6 "Like Mike" actress
11 Make on the job
15 When Polonius says "brevity is the soul of wit"
16 Outdoor seating area
17 Old knife
18 Equatorial African country
19 Lindsay's "Bionic Woman" role
20 Thompson in the Theater Hall of Fame
21 Notable period
22 Scrooge's visitors
24 "Ta-ta!"
25 "L.A. Law" extras
27 City near Provo
28 Chaos
29 Swipe again?
31 Found, as tabloid fodder
33 Rec. label across the pond
34 The duck, in "Peter and the Wolf"
36 Liver oil source
37 Home of the Big 12's Cyclones

- 38 "Be careful what you say," and a hint to a feature shared by this puzzle's perimeter answers
43 Thought patterns, briefly?
44 Guitar cousin
45 Shade
46 Latin I word
47 It's not on the level
49 Oceanic phenomenon that affects weather
53 Baroque composer Jean-Philippe
55 Jump in a rink
57 Unbalanced
58 Ever
59 Lens holders
61 Back talk
62 Erosive force
63 Like candied fruits
64 Revolutionary Chopin piece?
66 Play to
67 Dull
68 Where gobs go
69 Wine industry reference point
70 Tough test metaphor
71 Promise

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